

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Armstrong in the September 6 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claim Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 5-7, 10-11, 13 and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,866,510 to Polanyi et al. (Polanyi); rejects claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Polanyi; rejects claims 2-4 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Polanyi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,741,833 to McCormick et al. (McCormick); and rejects claims 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Polanyi in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,043,438 to Murakami. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

As discussed and agreed at the personal interview, Polanyi only discusses creating a structural representation of input user text in the section cited as disclosing a virtual reality subsystem (col. 3, lines 10-25). As disclosed at paragraphs [0038] to [0046] of Applicants' specification, the virtual reality subsystem presents a virtual three-dimensional environment to the user which includes an avatar (paragraph [0041]) and is displayed to the user in a frame 202. Thus, as tentatively agreed at the interview, Polanyi's interface does not correspond to the claimed virtual reality subsystem.

Further, Polanyi does not disclose "the set of linguistic tools disambiguates the identified term in the information retrieved by the search subsystem to identify example uses having a meaning similar to the identified term in the specified text to aid the users of the user systems" as recited in the claims. Although, during the personal interview, Examiner Armstrong cited col. 4, lines 58-60 of Polanyi as disclosing this feature, Applicants

respectfully note that this section discloses presenting corrections to the user, not a meaning similar to the identified term.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Polanyi does not disclose all the features of the claims. McCormick and Murakami do not cure these deficiencies. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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